Augmentative Communication Evaluations
Simplified

AAC TechConnect

Promoting Independence Through
Augmentative Communication

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Do you need in help with your Augmentative Communication (AAC) Evaluations?

If the answer is yes, then come to this workshop which will provide you ideas, resources, and materials for your AAC evaluation needs.

This day is for professionals including:
* Speech-Language Pathologists
* AT Specialists
* Special Educators
* OT/ PT's
* Other AT Team members

PRESENTERS

Debby McBride   Libby Rush

Debra (Debby) McBride, MS., CCC-SLP
Debby McBride has worked in most areas of augmentative communication over the past 22 years. Her broad perspective comes from working as a clinician in a variety of setting, including schools, outpatient, residential, and rehab settings. This clinical work is nicely complemented by her past experience as manufacturer's representative (for AAC devices), and finally, as a multi-line distributor for her own company. She is a well-experienced presenter, having done so at numerous national, regional, and local conferences and workshops.

Elizabeth (Libby) Rush MA, CCC-SLP,CPM
Libby has 39 years experience, most of it in the field of AAC. She has been Director of Speech and Hearing in a residential setting, worked as a public school therapist, and currently is an AT and AAC consultant. She is in demand as a national and inter-national presenter, doing preconference workshops, courses, institutes, and distance learning instruction. In addition, she has published statewide, nationally, and internationally, including Closing the Gap.

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Augmentative Communication Evaluations Simplified: Tools and Resources

This workshop will focus on planning and implementing effective augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) evaluations using a "toolkit" approach.

Specific clinical questions to be addressed:
- What "steps" are involved in evaluating, recommending, and funding AAC tools/devices?
- What skills need to be evaluated to determine optimum AAC solutions?
- What equipment/resources can be kept on hand to make this process more complete and efficient, yet cost-effective?
- What local resources are available to trial different AAC devices?

Augmentative communication evaluation techniques will be reviewed for children and adults, as well as AAC solutions from the simplest to the most sophisticated needs. Evidence-based practice will be presented within the framework context and additional web-based resources from a variety of sites will be demonstrated and provided to participants.

Toolkits

Participants will also receive a CD containing additional resources and examples of "toolkit" materials for assessment.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe tools/techniques used to determine the AAC candidate's skills (physical, cognitive, sensory, language representation, message formulation, communication functions, etc.)

- Explain the process of obtaining an augmentative/alternative (AAC) tool/device.

- Complete many of the components with templates provided for gathering, compiling, and reporting the assessment results.

- Identify components on AAC devices such as common features and categories of devices (dynamic display, digitized, integrated, text-to-speech, etc.).

- Identify local resources and vendors for trials, support, and funding assistance for AAC devices

CEU's

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REGISTRATION

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1) **On-line registration** (please go to www.aacTechConnect.com under Events & look for workshop location and date).
2) **Return registration form below and check made payable to** AAC TechConnect
   PO Box 1944
   Evergreen, CO 80437
3) **To do PO, complete form, attach PO, & mail to above address.**
4) **Fax registration form with credit card payment to: (303) 670-3564.**

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